



General Assembly

February Session, 2002

***Raised Bill No. 380***

LCO No. 1538

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE USE OF TOUCH-SCREEN VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CASTING AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any  
2       provision of title 9 of the general statutes, the Secretary of the State  
3       may authorize, as a demonstration project, the use of touch-screen  
4       direct record electronic equipment for the casting and counting of  
5       ballots in not more than six towns at elections in 2002 or 2003,  
6       provided (1) (A) the legislative body of any such town or, in the case of  
7       a town in which the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of  
8       selectmen, and (B) the registrars of the town approve the use of such  
9       equipment, and (2) the Secretary prescribes specifications for (A) the  
10      security, testing, set-up, operation and canvassing of the equipment,  
11      (B) the ballots used with the equipment, and (C) the training of election  
12      officials in the use of the equipment. Not later than January first  
13      following the use of such equipment by a town, the town shall submit  
14      a report on such use to the Secretary. Not later than February 1, 2004,  
15      the Secretary shall submit a summary of the reports and the Secretary's

16 recommendations concerning the use of such equipment to the joint  
17 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
18 matters relating to elections in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
19 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To authorize a demonstration project for the use of touch-screen voting technology to cast and count ballots at elections in the years 2002 and 2003.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*